



St Mary & St Thomas

Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

ATTENDANCE ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, the government has issued the guidance which needs to be adhered to, with regard to self-isolation. We are aware that this may cause issues for parents, making it difficult to bring children to school, especially if siblings are self-isolating or if family self-isolation timescales overlap.

As the situation is likely to continue for some time, it has become increasingly clear that support from extended families, friends and neighbours may need to be called upon to help facilitate children attending school in these circumstances. It is important that we continue to reduce the impact of any lost school time, and the risk of any further lost school time due to the impact of Covid-19.

We are therefore requesting parents begin to consider and discuss who could support you if you find yourselves in this situation and provide school with the name and contact details, so we know who to expect when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

At St Mary and St Thomas, as a parent you are able to add contacts to your child's Arbor account. We would encourage you to extend your list of contacts to include family and friends who may be able to help over the months ahead.

We are also aware that families may need other types of help.

If you feel isolated by coronavirus and need help, please call 01744 676767 to find out what support is available. There are volunteers around St Helens who can do things like:

- Pick up your food shopping, essential supplies or medication and leave them on your doorstep
- Have a friendly chat with you on the phone
- Walk your dog

There is also a community hub operating, from which food parcels are delivered each week to our most vulnerable residents.

We urge you to be proactive in enabling your child to access school, and in accessing support if you need it, and ask that you update Arbor or inform school of any additional contacts as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Hanley

Headteacher

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